

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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compound having 3 or more halogen substituents in one molecule, wherein 0.01-0.3 mol %, based on 100 mol % of said alkaline metal sulfide, of said polyhaloromatic compound is added in a reaction to form the reaction product.

8. (Twice Amended) The melt-blown, non-woven fabric having an average diameter of 10 μm or less according to claim 18, wherein said polyarylene sulfide is subjected to a thermal oxidation cross-linking treatment.

18. (Amended) A melt-blown, non-woven fabric having an average diameter of 10 μm or less comprising polyarylene sulfide having a cross-linked structure and a non-Newtonian coefficient of 1.05-1.20.

21. (Amended) The melt-blown, non-woven fabric having an average diameter of 10 μm or less according to claim 1 which has a non-Newtonian coefficient of 1.06-1.19.